

- Rejected claims 25-29 under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph
 - Rejected claims 15, 16, 18, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Seelig et al. (5,560,603)
 - Rejected claims 1-29 under pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Olsen
- 5 (6,146,273), or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Olsen.

Drawings

The applicants submit formal drawings with this response. The applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the examiner's objection to the drawings. The applicants further

10 request the Office to use the formal drawings with the allowed application.

§112 rejection on claims 9-14

Claims 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph because independent claim 9 omits the connection and/or relationship between step (A) and the other steps. The

15 applicants amend claim 9 to add the connection and/or relationship between step (A) and the other steps. The applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the §112 rejection on claims 9-14.

§112 rejection on claims 25-29

20 Claims 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph because the recited term "the video displays" in claim 25, line 6 lacks antecedent basis. The applicants have amended claim 25 to comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph. The applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the §112 rejection on claims 25-29.

§102 and §103 rejections

Review of a Preferred Embodiment

In a preferred embodiment, the gaming device video display system of the present invention comprises a plurality of gaming devices and a plurality of video displays. Each gaming device is adapted to allow a player to place wagers and play a wagering game. In addition, each gaming device is configured to select a multi-screen presentation and transmit a request for a multi-screen presentation. The plurality of video displays is preferably positioned in close relative proximity relative to each other for use during the multi-screen presentation. Each video display may be configured to display at least a portion of the multi-screen presentation, and when viewed together, the plurality of video displays may create a single integrated video presentation.

One of the advantages of the preferred embodiment above is the ability to utilize existing gaming devices and their video displays to present a single integrated video presentation. Thus, the need for a stand-alone large screen display, which is costly and occupies valuable casino space, may be eliminated.

Another advantage is the ability to enlarge a video presentation by displaying portions of the video presentation in multiple video displays of adjacent gaming devices. By utilizing a plurality of video displays, it is possible to present much larger and more interesting presentations. Consequently, more people may see the presentation and more people may be attracted to play the gaming devices.

§102(b) rejection of claims 15, 16, 18, and 19 under Seelig et al.

Applicants submit that claims 15, 16, 18, and 19 are not anticipated by Seelig et al. As stated by the Federal Circuit: Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim.

5 *Lindermann Maschinenfabrik GMBH v. American Hoist and Derrick Co.*, 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

Claim 15 claims “wherein when the multi-screen presentation is initiated, a portion of a video presentation is displayed on each of the video displays, and wherein the video presentation appears to be an integrated, multi-screen presentation.” On the other hand, Seelig et al. does not display a multi-screen presentation. Referring to figure 1 of Seelig et al., Seelig et al. appears to disclose a racing element displayed on a single video display 20 of a gaming device 10. Video display 20 appears to display a complete and independent presentation, which is in the form of a race horse running a course.

Referring to figure 3 of Seelig et al., it appears that the racing element may be displayed on a plurality of video displays (the video displays of a plurality of gaming devices 110 A-D and racing display 120). However, each video display is not adapted to display portions or fractions of the presentation. For instance, each video display is not adapted to display only a portion of the race track. Additionally, when the video displays are viewed at the same time, a viewer sees independent and separate video presentations shown on the video displays of a plurality of gaming devices 110 A-D and racing display 120. The viewer does not see an integrated presentation. The viewer does not obtain the impression that the video presentations shown on the video displays of a plurality of gaming devices 110 A-D and racing display 120 affect the presentations shown between the same displays. Thus, Seelig et al. does not teach displaying a portion of a video presentation on each of the video displays in an integrated

manner.

Seelig et al. therefore does not disclose each and every element of the claimed invention.

Applicants request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claim 15. Applicants also request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejections of claims 16, 18, and 19, as they are dependent on claim 15 and incorporate the features of claim 15.

Pre-AIPA §102(e) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1-29 under Olsen.

Applicants submit that claims 1-29 are not anticipated by or obvious under Olsen. Olsen appears to disclose only a single video display adapted to display a single video presentation.

10 Olsen appears to divide the single video display into sections. However, Olsen is only adapted to use one video display. No devices, means, or methods are disclosed in Olsen that would enable the video presentation in Olsen to be displayed in multiple video displays.

For example, figure 8 appears to show a video presentation of an island with some portions shown and some not shown. Even when some portions of the island are shown and some are not shown, only one video display is utilized. Thus, Olsen does not disclose, teach, or suggest “a plurality of video displays, each video display being adapted to display a video presentation.” Olsen further does not disclose, teach, or suggest displaying a portion of a video presentation on each of the video displays in an integrated manner because Olsen only has one video display. These distinctions are claimed in independent claims 1, 9, and 15, and their dependent claims 2-8, 10-14, and 16-29, respectively, by virtue of claim dependency.

Olsen et al. therefore does not disclose, teach, or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention. Applicants request the withdrawal of the pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or §103(a) rejections of claims 1-29.

New claims

New claims include features not disclosed in Seelig et al. and Olsen. For instance, similar to claim 15, claims 30-39 claim a “controller being at least adapted to cause portions of a video presentation to be displayed on the plurality of video displays, wherein the video presentation displayed on the plurality of video displays appear integrated.” Claim 40 claims “the plurality of video displays being adapted to display portions of a single video presentation, the single video presentation being displayed on the plurality of video displays appearing integrated.” Claims 41-42 claim “displaying portions of a single video presentation on the plurality of video displays, wherein the video presentation displayed on the plurality of video displays appear integrated.”

As discussed above, Seelig et al. and Olsen do not teach displaying a portion of a video presentation on each of the video displays in an integrated manner. Olsen further does not disclose multiple video displays and displaying a portion of a video presentation on each of the video displays in an integrated manner. The applicants therefore request allowance of new claims 30-42 over Seelig et al. and Olsen.

The amendments to the claims above have not been made to overcome patentability rejections. Applicants make certain amendments to add broader claims, to correct typographical errors, to clarify the readability of the claims for the examiner, and to obtain an early allowance of the application. Applicants believe the original claims are patentable over the cited reference.

CONCLUSION

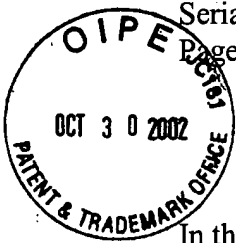
For all of the above reasons, the applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any questions regarding this response or this application, the examiner is encouraged to call the applicants' attorney, Rolando J. Tong, at

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

In the claims

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Claims 9, 15, and 25 were amended as follows:

- 5 9. (Twice Amended) A method of displaying a video presentation for use with wagering devices, the method comprising:
- (A) providing at least one wagering device, the wagering device being adapted to operate a wagering game;
 - (B) providing a plurality of video displays, at least one of the video displays being in
10 communication with the wagering device, the video displays being adapted to display a video presentation;
 - (C) providing a video presentation, the video presentation relevant to the wagering game;
 - (D) dividing the video presentation into a plurality of screen segments; and
 - 15 (E) displaying a different screen segment of the video presentation on each video display, wherein the segments of the video presentation, when viewed as a whole on the plurality of video displays, appear as an integrated video presentation.
15. (Once amended) A gaming device, comprising:
- 20 (A) [at least one] a plurality of video displays, each [the] video display being adapted to display a video presentation;
 - (B) at least one video display controller in communication with at least one of the video displays, the video display controller being adapted to drive the at least one video display and being adapted to communicate with at least one other video

display controller[s];

(C) a game controller, the game controller being adapted to operate a wagering game;

(D) a game device controller in communication with the video display controller and the game controller; the gaming device controller being adapted to initiate a

5 multi-screen presentation, wherein when the multi-screen presentation is initiated, a portion of a video presentation is displayed on each of the video displays, and wherein the video presentation appears to be an integrated, multi-screen presentation.

10 25. A system for displaying multi-screen presentations in association with a wagering game, the system comprising:

(A) means for operating a wagering game;

(B) means for coordinating a display of a multi-screen video presentation;

(C) video display means for displaying a video presentation;

15 (D) means for displaying the multi-screen video presentation on the video display[s] means, wherein the multi-screen video presentation appears to be a single integrated presentation.

20 Claims 30-40 were added

30. A gaming system, comprising:

(A) at least one wagering device, the wagering device being adapted to allow a player to play a game;

(B) a plurality of video displays;

(C) at least one controller in communication with the wagering device and the

plurality of video displays, the controller comprising a memory device for storing

at least a portion of a video presentation, the controller being at least adapted to

cause portions of a video presentation to be displayed on the plurality of video

displays, wherein the video presentation displayed on the plurality of video

displays appear integrated.

31. The gaming system of claim 30, wherein the controller is further adapted to detect a

bonus event from the wagering device, the controller is further adapted to cause the

plurality of video displays to display portions of a single video presentation upon the

detection of the bonus event.

32. The gaming system of claim 30, wherein the controller is further adapted to coordinate

presentation of the video presentation among the plurality of video displays.

33. The gaming system of claim 30, wherein at least one portion of the video presentation

displays the amount of a bonus award.

34. The gaming system of claim 34, wherein the controller is adapted to generate a random

number, the random number being adapted to determine the bonus award.

35. The gaming system of claim 30, wherein at least one portion of the video presentation

displayed on a first display displays at least one person engaged in a fishing activity, and

wherein another portion of the video presentation displayed on a second display displays

at least one fish.

36. The gaming system of claim 35, wherein the fish determines a bonus award.

39. The gaming system of claim 30, wherein the plurality of video displays is attached to the

wagering device.

40. A gaming device adapted to allow a player to play a game, the gaming device comprising a plurality of video displays configured to be positioned in front of a player, the plurality of video displays being adapted to display portions of a single video presentation, the single video presentation being displayed on the plurality of video displays appearing
5 integrated, and the gaming device further comprising a controller in communication with the plurality of video displays, the controller being adapted to generate a random game outcome.

41. A method of operating a game of chance on a wagering device, the method comprising:

10 (A) detecting game play signal initiating a game play on the wagering device;

(B) providing a plurality of video displays in communication with the wagering device; and

(C) displaying portions of a single video presentation on the plurality of video displays, wherein the video presentation displayed on the plurality of video
15 displays appear integrated.

42. The method of claim 41, further comprising detecting a bonus event, and performing step C upon the detection of the bonus event.